

AN EVENING WITH IRISH POETS

Rita Ann Higgins & Matthew Sweeney

Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

McEntee Reading Room

1455 Boul. de Maisonneuve Ouest, 10th Floor, H 1001.01



Rita Ann Higgins was born in Galway. Her first five collections were published by Salmon Publishing: *Goddess on the Mervue Bus* (1986), *Witch in the Bushes*, (1988), *Goddess and Witch* (1990), *Philomena's Revenge* (1992), and *Higher Purchase* (1996). Bloodaxe Books published her next three collections, including *Throw in the Vowels: New & Selected Poems* in May 2005 to mark her 50th birthday. Her plays include: *Face Licker Come Home* (1991), *God of the Hatchman* (1992), *Colie Lally Doesn't Live in a Bucket* (1993) and *Down All the Roundabouts* (1999). She was Green Honors Professor at Texas Christian University, in October 2000. Other awards include a Peadar O'Donnell Award in 1989 and several Arts Council bursaries. 'Sunny Side Plucked' was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation.



Matthew Sweeney was born in Donegal. His poetry collections include *A Dream of Maps* (1981), *A Round House* (1983), *Blue Shoes* (1989), *Cacti* (1992), *The Bridal Suite* (1997) and *A Smell of Fish* (2000). *Selected Poems*, representing the best of 10 books and 20 years' work, was published in 2002. He won a Cholmondeley Award in 1987 and an Arts Council Writers' Award in 1999. He has also published poetry for children, collections including *The Flying Spring Onion* (1992), *Fatso in the Red Suit* (1995) and *Up on the Roof: New and Selected Poems* (2001). His novels for children include *The Snow Vulture* (1992) and *Fox* (2002). His latest poetry collections are *Black Moon* (2007) and a new selection of poems: *The Night Post* (2010).

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